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DAD BLAST-IT! A SNAKE!
I HATE SNAKES!
WOW! I NEVER SAW RIO REACT LIKE THAT, DID YOU, ORKO?
YEAH, HE ISN'T AFRAID OF ANYTHING!
THAT'LL BE THE DAY WHEN A CREEPY, LITTLE SNAKE CAN GET THE BEST OF RIO BLAST!
MY KNEE-BLASTERS WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS SNAKE ONCE AND FOR ALL!
IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND, IT'S SNAKES!
LOOK OUT! HE'S SHOOTING WILD!!
BEEYOW
BRAKOW!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!
RIO! KNOCK IT OFF! IT'S ME!
I HATE SNAKES!!

I SAID COOL IT, RIO!
HUH?
WILL YOU GET UP HERE AND STOP ACTING LIKE A NUT!
YEEOOWW!
IT'S ONLY ME, SNOUT SPOUT, RIO--YOUR PARTNER!
SNOUT SPOUT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP IN A TREE?
ALL THOSE YEARS AS AN ETERNIAN FIRE-FIGHTER COME IN HANDY, I GUESS!
BESIDES, I FIGURED THAT WE WOULD HAVE A BETTER VANTAGE POINT FOR BEATING ADAM AND ORKO FROM UP HERE!
OH, IS THAT WHAT YOU FIGURED, HUH? WELL THAT PLAN STINKS, SNOUT SPOUT! I ALMOST HAD THEM!
PHEEOO! YOUR BREATH'S THE ONLY THING THAT STINKS UP HERE! HAVE YOU BEEN EATING THOSE CHILIPANIO PEPPERS AGAIN?!
WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH--?
I HATE THE SMELL OF YOUR CHILIPANIO BREATH! GET AWAY FROM ME!!
WHOA!!

HEY! THIS JUST MIGHT WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE!
OKAY, YOU TWO-- DON'T MOVE!
WHAT?!

ADAM, RIO'S GOT THE DROP ON US! WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?
GIVE ME A SECOND ORK.. I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!

GOTCHA! THAT SECOND WAS JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GRAB YOU GUYS WITH MY TRUNK! HA!
ADAM?
THEY GOT US FAIR AND SQUARE, ORKO. THIS PRACTICE SESSION GOES TO RIO BLAST AND SNOUT SPOUT!

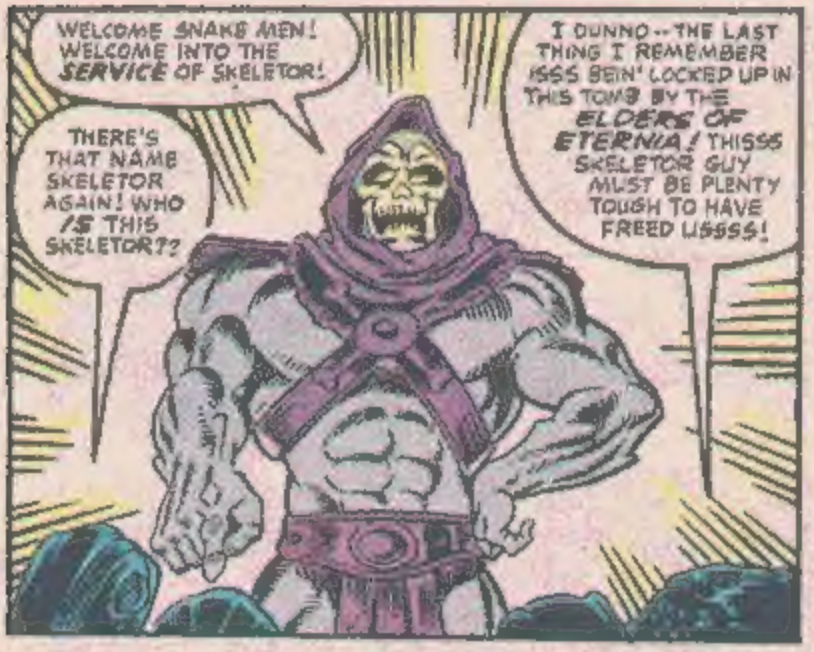
WELL, LIKE IT OR NOT, WE ARE THE FINEST TEAM WORKING FOR ETERNIA'S SECURITY FORCE! JUST ASK ORKO AND PRINCE ADAM!
YOU'RE RIGHT. I DON'T LIKE IT--

--BUT IF WORKING WITH AN OLD SNAKE FACE IS MY ROAD TO FAME AND RICHES... I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH IT!
SNAKE FACE!?
OKAY, OKAY, YOU TWO-- WHAT SAY WE CELEBRATE YOUR WIN BACK AT ETERNIA'S PALACE? HMM?!

IS--IS IT SAFE TO COME OUT NOW? IS THE SHOOTING OVER?
CRINGER, YOU BIG BABY-- THIS WAS ONLY FOOLING AROUND!
HE'S RIGHT, OLD FELLOW...NOBODY WAS REALLY IN ANY DANGER!
HA HA!
HA! HA!
POOR CRINGER... CAN YOU IMAGINE BEING SO AFRAID ALL THE TIME, RIO?
NOPE, NOT ME!
ANOTHER CHILIPANIO PEPPER?! MAN ALIVE, RIO! YOU'RE FUMIN' THE WHOLE PLACE UP!!
I LIKE PEPPERS! THEY GIVE ME THAT ADDED OOMPH I NEED TO BE BETTER THAN BIG DUMMIES LIKE YOU!
DUMMIES?! IF YOU'RE SO GREAT, I'LL RACE YOU BACK TO THE PALACE...
-RIGHT NOW!
YOU'RE ON CHUM!
BOY, DO THOSE GUYS EVER FIGHT A LOT!
IT IS AMAZING THAT THEY ARE SUCH A GOOD TEAM. I GUESS SOMETIMES OPPOSITES CREATE A PERFECT CHEMISTRY BETWEEN ONE ANOTHER!
CAN WE GO HOME, TOO?
SURE THING, BUDDY!
WHILE, AT THE HORRIFIC SNAKE MOUNTAIN IN A DECIDEDLY NASTIER PART OF ETERNIA, THE EVIL SKELETOR PLOTS AND SCHEMES...
I HATE THEM! I HATE THEM ALL!
AND I'M GOING TO PUT AN END TO THEIR BOTHERSOME INTERFERENCE ONCE AND FOR ALL!
ESPECIALLY HE-MAN!!

YES, HE-MAN AND HIS ACCURSED FRIENDS! THEY HAVE RUINED MY PLANS TO TAKE OVER ETERNIA TIME AFTER TIME!
BUT TODAY SHALL COME THEIR DOWN-FALL!
KHAN! COME TO ME! KOBRA KHAN!
YOU CALLED, OH GREAT SKELETOR?
YES! I NEED TO FORMULATE A PLAN OF REVENGE ON HE-MAN--AND SINCE YOU ARE MY SNEAKIEST HENCHMAN I COMMAND YOU TO THINK OF ONE!
YOU FLATTER ME, SKELETOR!
THIS IS PERFECT! I HAVE BEEN SEEKING JUST SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY!
MM-MM...YES, YES, I THINK I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU, SKELETOR!
WHILE HELPING MYSELF TO GET AWAY FROM YOU!
I HAVE BEEN A SLAVE TO SKELETOR FOR TOO LONG--MAYBE WITH HELP I CAN BREAK FREE OF HIS RULE!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?
YOU MUST FOLLOW ME TO THE DEEPEST DUNGEONS IN THE VERY BOWELS OF SNAKE MOUNTAIN!
TO A DARKENED PLACE EVEN YOU DO NOT KNOW EXISTS!!
FOR LOCKED DOWN THERE ARE THE VERY BEINGS THAT HAVE GIVEN SNAKE MOUNTAIN ITS NAME--
--TRAPPED EONS AGO BY THE ELDERS THEMSELVES!
THE INFAMOUS SNAKE MEN?! FASCINATING.
IF I HAD KNOWN OF THESE SECRET PASSAGEWAYS I'D HAVE USED THE LEGENDARY SNAKE MEN SOONER.
KHAN KEPT THIS PLACE SECRET--PERHAPS HE IS MORE OF A SNAKE THAN I THOUGHT!
AH, YES! THERE IT LIES--WAITING FOR YOUR MYSTIC POWERS TO RELEASE ITS CONTENTS!
WHICH IN TURN WILL RELEASE ME FROM YOUR SERVICE!
EXCELLENT! STAND BACK! HEAR ME POWERS AT MY COMMAND ...SURGE DOWN TO ME AND TO MY HANDS!

FLOW FROM MY BODY AND INTO THIS BOX SO BLACK--
--UNDO WHAT WAS DONE A MILLION YEARS BACK--
--GIVE THEM BACK THE LIFE THEY HAD THEN--
--AND BRING BEFORE ME THE SLIMY SNAKE MEN!
WE'RE ALIVE! AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES KING HISS AND HIS SNAKE MEN ARE ALIVE!
YES! THANKS TO THE MAGICAL MASTERY OF SKELETOR!
WHO--? WHO ARE YOU?! YOU HAVE THE LOOK OF A SNAKE ABOUT YOU!
I AM KOBRA KHAN AND IT WOULD HONOR ME TO SERVE WITH YOU AND YOUR MEN!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS-- BUT ANYTHING TO ESCAPE SKELETOR!
VERY WELL, YOU MAY JOIN TUNG LASHOR, RATTLOR AND MYSELF IN OUR CRUSADE AGAINST THE ELDERS!


WELCOME SNAKE MEN! WELCOME INTO THE SERVICE OF SKELETOR!
THERE'S THAT NAME SKELETOR AGAIN! WHO IS THIS SKELETOR??
I DUNNO--THE LAST THING I REMEMBER ISSS BEIN' LOCKED UP IN THIS TOMB BY THE ELDERS OF ETERNIA! THISSS SKELETOR GUY MUST BE PLENTY TOUGH TO HAVE FREED USSSS!

SURELY, RATTLOR, YOU DON'T THINK I SHOULD--
WAIT, SKELETOR'S THE BOSS AROUND HERE! PLEASE LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY...WE CAN REVOLT LATER!
VERY WELL. I AM NOT USED TO TAKING ORDERS... BUT I HAVE BEEN AWAY... I WILL BIDE MY TIME.

YOU MAY THANK ME FOR RELEASING YOU LATER... NOW I HAVE A MORE IMMEDIATE NEED OF YOU!
GO TO THE EVERGREEN FOREST AND LURE THE ACCURSED HE-MAN TO MY LAIR! I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT, JUST DO IT!
HE-MAN! I HEARD THAT NAME WHISPERED IN LEGEND--HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL BEING ON ANY WORLD!
THEN IT IS GOOD WE WAITED--WE WILL GET THIS HE-MAN AND WE WILL FORCE HIM TO JOIN US! WITH HIS POWER ON OUR SIDE, SKELETOR WON'T STAND A CHANCE!
HURRY, I KNOW WHAT HE-MAN AND HIS FRIENDS LOOK LIKE!
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO??

SO, YOU SEE, ORKO, SNOUT SPOUT AND RIO BLAST COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER PERFECTLY. ONE'S STRENGTHS ADDING TO THE OTHER'S, MAKING THEM AN ALMOST PERFECT TEAM.
BUT THEY ARGUE SO MUCH--I'M CONFUSED!
AND I'M SCARED. DO YOU GUYS HEAR THAT RUSTLING IN THE BUSHES?

OH, CRINGER! YOU'RE SUCH A BIG--
EEEYAA!! L-L-LOOK!
YOU HAVE GONE FAR ENOUGH, ETERNIANS!
SNAKE MEN!

WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE, ADAM?? CHANGE INTO YOU-KNOW-WHO!!
NO CAN DO, ORKO--NOT HERE, IN FRONT OF STRANGERS!

QUICKLY, SNAKE MEN... TAKE THE CRINGING ONE! I TIRE OF THIS GAME OF SKELETOR'S!
WE'RE HURRYING, WE'RE HURRYING! MY PARA-LYZING SNAKE BREATH SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE!
HSSSSS
ADAM, HELP! THEY GOT MEEEEEEE...
NO ONE WILL BE HELPING YOU TODAY, TIGER--LEAST OF ALL THESE TWO SCAREDY-CATS! HA-HA!
LOOK OUT, ADAM! HIS TONGUE!
DON'T LET IT TOUCH YOU, ORKO-- IT MIGHT BE POISON!
WE ARE VICTORIOUS! NOW, RUN AWAY!
HA! WE SHOULD FINISH OFF THE OTHER TWO AS WELL!
FIGURES ONE AS DUMB AS YOU WOULD SAY THAT, RATTLOR! THEN WHO WOULD ALERT THE ONE WE REALLY WANT-- HE-MAN!
OH, YEAH.
THEY'VE TAKEN CRINGER! NOW WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
GIVE ME A MOMENT, ORKO... AND I'LL--
ANOTHER MOMENT?!! EVEN I CAN THINK OF THE ONLY POSSIBLE THING WE COULD DO--
HELP!!
ORKO, WHAT'S WRONG??
YES... AND WHERE IS CRINGER?
OF COURSE! RIO BLAST AND SNOUT SPOUT! YOU CAN HELP US LOOK FOR CRINGER!
LOOK FOR CRINGER? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, ADAM?
SOME OF SKELETOR'S HENCHMEN JUST ATTACKED US AND KIDNAPPED CRINGER IN THE HOPES THAT HE-MAN WOULD BE LURED TO HIS RESCUE!
SKELETOR-- THAT CREEP! LET'S GET HIM, GUYS!!

WE'LL SPLIT AND YOU AND RIC SHOULD START LOOKING FOR A TRAIL IN THAT DIRECTION WHILE ORKO AND I LOOK THIS WAY
GOOD IDEA ADAM GOOD LUCK IN FINDING CRINGER
GOOD DEAL? IT'S NEVER A GOOD DEA IF I HAVE TO WORK CLOSE TO THAT BREATH OF YOURS!
OH, YEAH? WELL I AIN'T SO FOND OF WORKING WITH YOU EITHER REPTILE-NOSE.
SPLIT UP EH? WELL IT WOULD BE DISOBEYING A DIRECT ORDER FROM ADAM - BUT WHAT THE HECK
...ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN WORKING WITH YOU!
FINE HAVE FUN ON YOUR OWN EX-PARTNER!
GOOD LUCK TO YOU TOO, FORMER TEAM-MATE!
I DON'T GET IT ADAM. THOSE SNAKE GUYS TOOK CRINGER THE OTHER WAY WHY DO WE COME THIS WAY?
BECAUSE LITTLE BUDDY WE'RE GOING TO DO EXACTLY WHAT SKELETOR WANTS--
--WE'RE GOING TO GET HE-MAN!
WE ARE?
OHHHH. WE ARE!
BY THE POWER OF GRAY-SKULL--

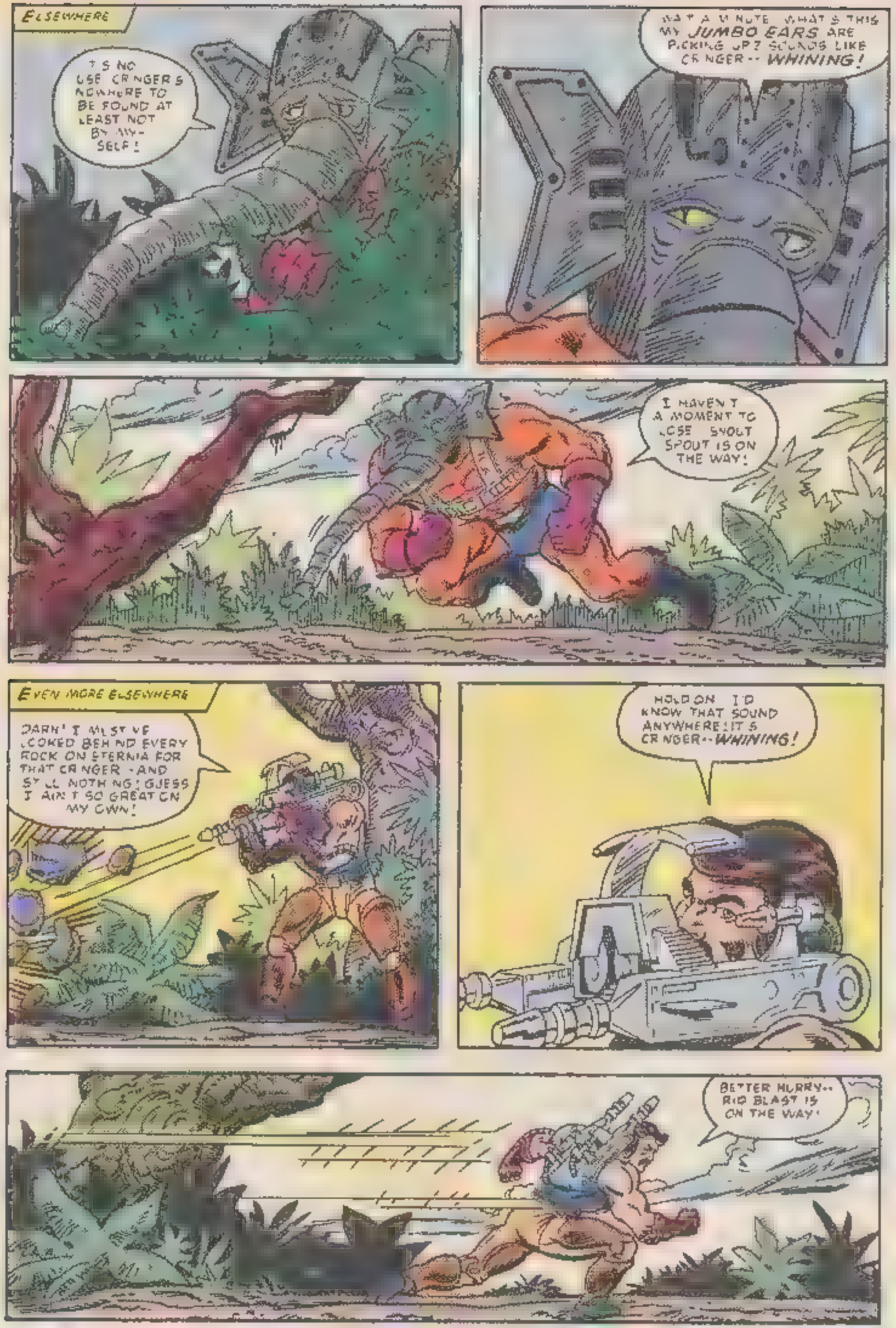
I HAVE THE POWER!
HURRY CRO OR THERE MAY NOT BE A NEXT TIME!

I'M BARELY COMING UP WITH ANY SCENT AT ALL
SNIF
MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE HASTY IN SPLITTING UP WITH HIM
OH WELL TOO LATE TO GET BACK WITH HIM NOW I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TRY MY BEST IN THE OUTBACK
I'M STARTING TO THINK I SHOULDN'T HAVE SEPARATED FROM SNOUT SPOUT SO SOON. SOMEDAY MEG THAT NOSE OF HIS IS BETTER THAN ALL OF EACH OF YOUR TECH HELP I'VE GOT HERE
HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY FOUND CRINGER
OH WELL TOO LATE TO WORK THINGS OUT SPOUTY NOW I'M GONNA HAFTA DO WHAT I CAN WITHOUT HIM!

AT
WE GOT TO PAL
DANGER'S IN GRAVE DANGER! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO SKELETOR'S LAIR BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
WAIT! I KNOW HOW TO GET TO SKELETOR'S PLACE!
I AIN'T COURT MAGICIAN OF ETERNIA FOR NOTHING, YOU KNOW
COME TOGETHER MYSTIC POWERS AND MAKE ME GLAD...
YOU DID IT ORKO! WE'RE RIGHT OUTSIDE SKELETOR'S LAIR
YOU SOUND SURPRISED HA.
HEY, WHERE ARE SNOUT SPOUT AND BUCKET? THEY WERE RIGHT BEHIND US!
SHHHHH... ORKO, I SEE TROUBLE AHEAD

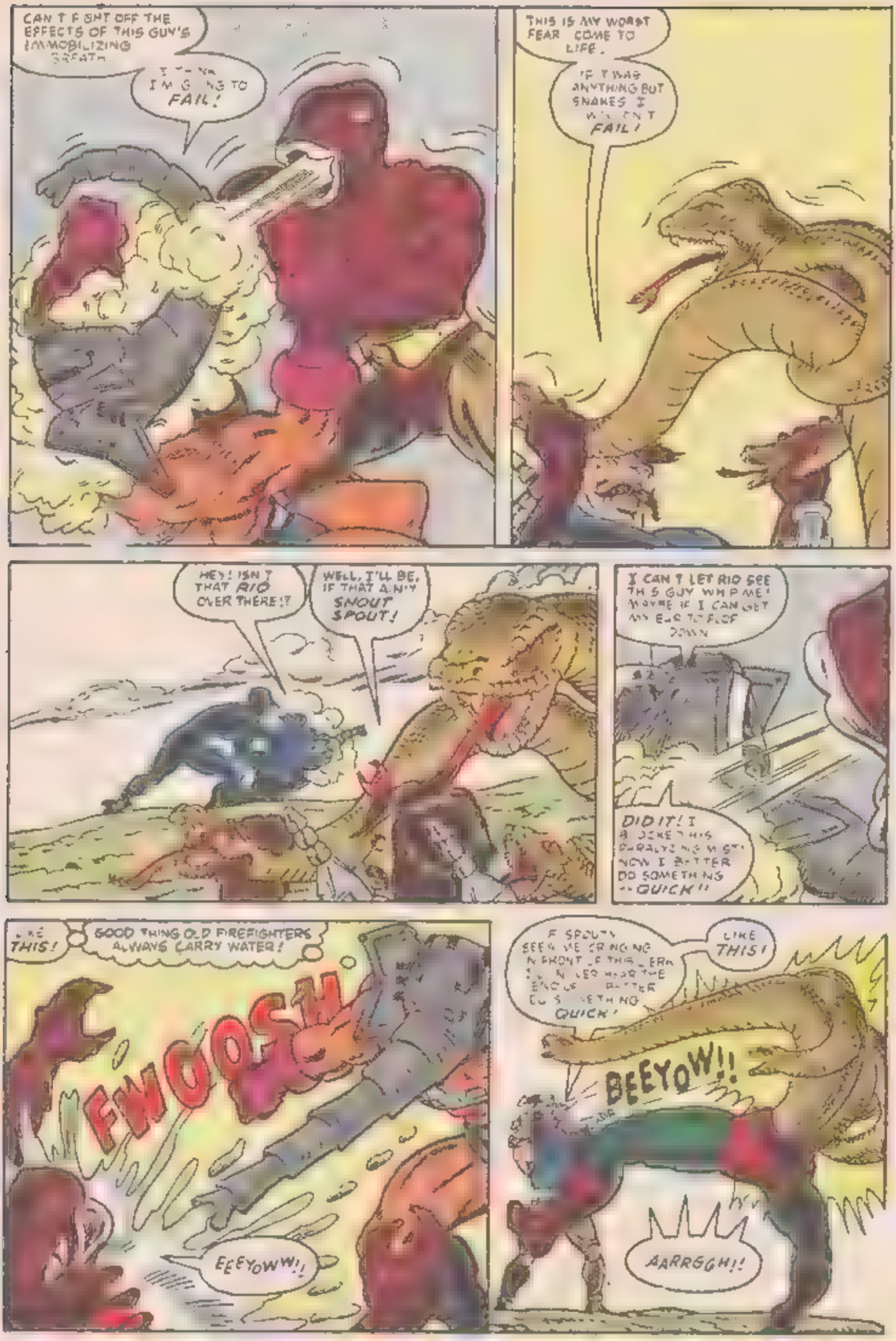
YOU HAVE COME! I KNEW YOU WOULD BE MAN NOW COME CLOSER AND FACE THE POWER OF MY TERROR CLAWS SNAP-DRAGON!
IF YOU WANT ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME GET ME!
VERY WELL WHATEVER YOU WISH BE MAN!
HA HA HA HA HA!
HE DID WHAT YOU SAID HE MAN HE'S HEADING RIGHT FOR
SNAP
LOOK OUT ORKO.
I MISSED! CURSES!
SKELETOR, YOU SCOUNDREL.
THIS KIND OF TERRORISM HAS GONE ON WAY TOO LONG.
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, MUSCLE-HEAD!
WHAT?

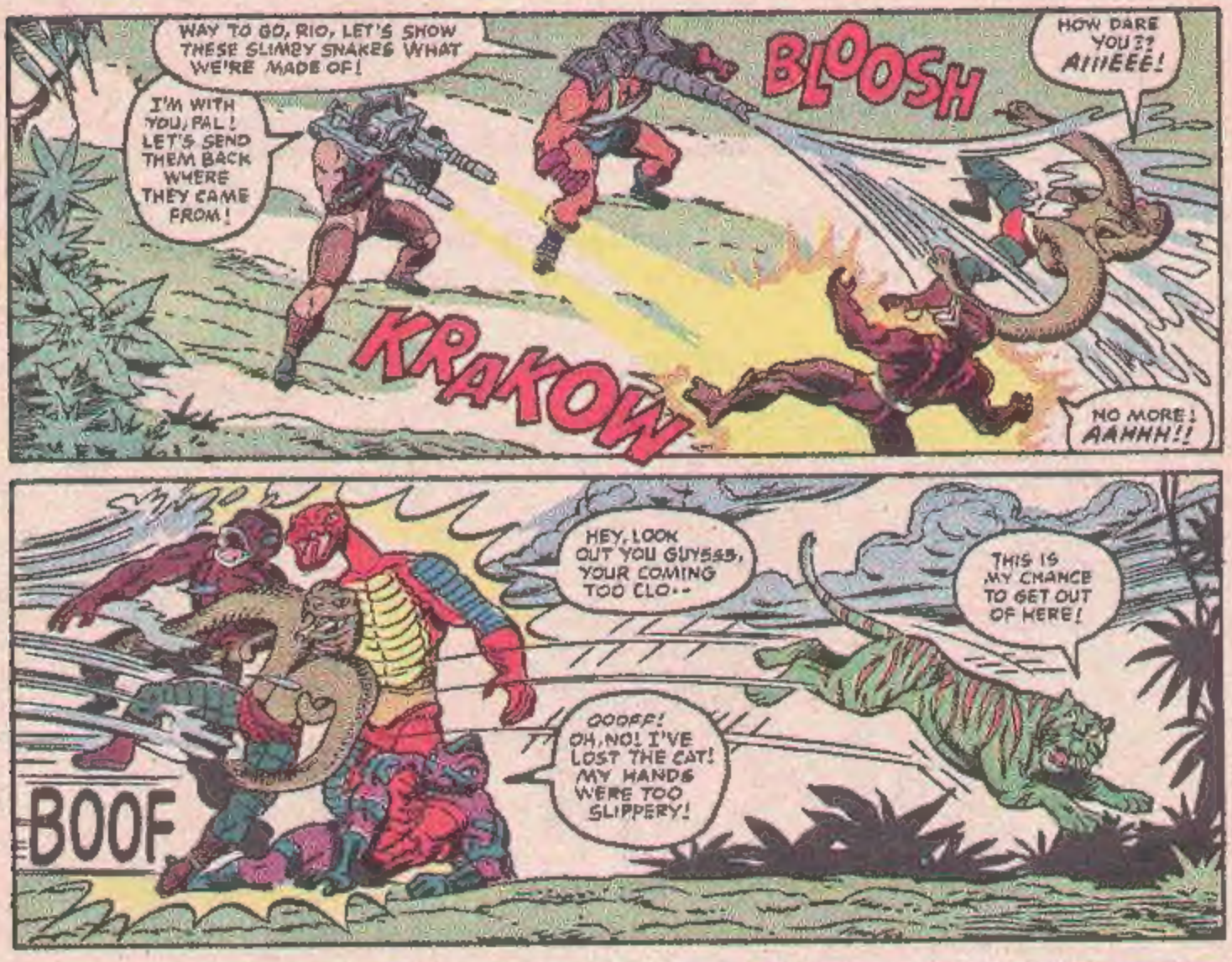
HE MAY LOOK!
OH NO! NO!
OH YESSS, HE-MAN IF YOU GO ANYWHERE NEAR SKELETOR NOW YOUR PAL GETS H SSS!
TH-S OUGHTA GET H M MAD ENOUGH TO REALLY TAKE CARE OF SKELETOR NOW!
AHHA'! T-E SWORD OF POWER S-A NE, A FINE JOB OF D-STRAC-T-ON SSSNAKE MEN!
SNAP!
MY SWORD! I WAS INDEED D-STRACTED! NOW WHAT EV-L WILL PREVAIL ETERNIA?
NOW FIN SH HE-MAN OFF, SNAKE MEN, AND YOU WILL BE REWARDED W TH AN ETERNITY OF SERV CE TO SKELETOR RULER OF ALL ETERNIA! HAHAHAHAHA!
HE'S GOT THE SWORD - WE HAVE NO CHOICE!
NICE GOING, HE MAN... IF YOU WOULD'VE DONE WHAT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO DO AND CLOBBERED H M WE WOULD ALL BE FREE OF THAT PEST SKELETOR!
ASSS IT SSSTANDSSS NOW TISSS CURTAINSSS FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDSSSS...!


ELSEWHERE
IT'S NO USE CRINGER'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND AT LEAST NOT BY MYSELF!
WAIT A MINUTE WHAT'S THIS MY JUMBO EARS ARE PICKING UP? SOUNDS LIKE CRINGER-- WHINING!
I HAVEN'T A MOMENT TO LOSE SNOUT SPOUT IS ON THE WAY!
EVEN MORE ELSEWHERE
DARN! I MUST'VE LOOKED BEHIND EVERY ROCK ON ETERNIA FOR THAT CRINGER - AND STILL NOTHING! GUESS I AIN'T SO GREAT ON MY OWN!
HOLD ON I'D KNOW THAT SOUND ANYWHERE! IT'S CRINGER-- WHINING!
BETTER HURRY.. RIP BLAST IS ON THE WAY!

WAIT, MEN! I HEAR OTHERS APPROACHING!
HISS, KOBRA, SEE WHO'S COMING-- AND STOP THEM!!
WHO DOES HE TH NK HE'S TALKING TO? I AM A KING! I DON'T HAVE TO--
HISS YOU'VE FOLLOWED H S ORDERS THIS FAR.
VERY WELL, I'M COMING! BUT HE SHALL PAY DEARLY FOR TH S HUMILIATION!
MY NOSE HASN'T FAILED ME YET.. AND R GHT NOW I SMELL--
--TROUBLE!
WHOA!!
SO: ANOTHER ETERNIAN COMES TO MEET THE SNAKE MEN!
WELL SAY HELLO TO KOBRA KHAN'S PARALYZING SNAKE-BREATH FOR STARTERS!
PHEEOOOO! YOU ST NK WORSE THAN RIO BLASY, DON'T KNOW-- IF - I CAN - RESIST YOUR POWER--
BOY I SURE COULD USE A CH NPANIO R.GHT ABOUT--
HOLY MACKEREL! WHO--OR WHAT ARE YOU??
I AM KING HISS, KING OF ALL--
--SNAKES!
YOUR HEAD, FALLING AWAY... REVEAL HIS--

FIVE SNAKES!
NOT ONE, BUT.. FIVE!!
HA HA HA


CAN T F GHT OFF THE EFFECTS OF THIS GUY'S IMMOBILIZING BREATH
I T N I M G NG TO FAIL!
THIS IS MY WORST FEAR COME TO LIFE.
'F T WAS ANYTHING BUT SNAKES I W CN T FAIL!
HEY! ISN T THAT RIO OVER THERE!?
WELL, I'LL BE, IF THAT AIN'T SNOUT SPOUT!
I CAN T LET RIO SEE TH S GUY WHP ME! MAYBE IF I CAN GET MY EGG TO FLOP DOWN
DID IT! I M DOKED H S PARALYZ NG M ST NOW I BETTER DO SOMETH NG -- QUICK!!
LIKE THIS!
GOOD THING OLD FIREFIGHTERS ALWAYS CARRY WATER!
FWOOSH
EEEYOWW!!
F SPOUT SEEMS TO BE DO NG NO GOOD N FRONT OF TH S ERN N NEED MAKE THE END OF BETTER DO SOMETH NG QUICK!
LIKE THIS!
BEEYOW!!
AARRGGH!!


WAY TO GO, RIO, LET'S SHOW THESE SLIMEY SNAKES WHAT WE'RE MADE OF!
I'M WITH YOU, PAL! LET'S SEND THEM BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM!
BLOOSH
HOW DARE YOU?! AIIIEEE!
KRAKOW
NO MORE! AAHHH!!

HEY, LOOK OUT YOU GUYSSS, YOUR COMING TOO CLO--
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
BOOF
OOOFF! OH, NO! I'VE LOST THE CAT! MY HANDS WERE TOO SLIPPERY!

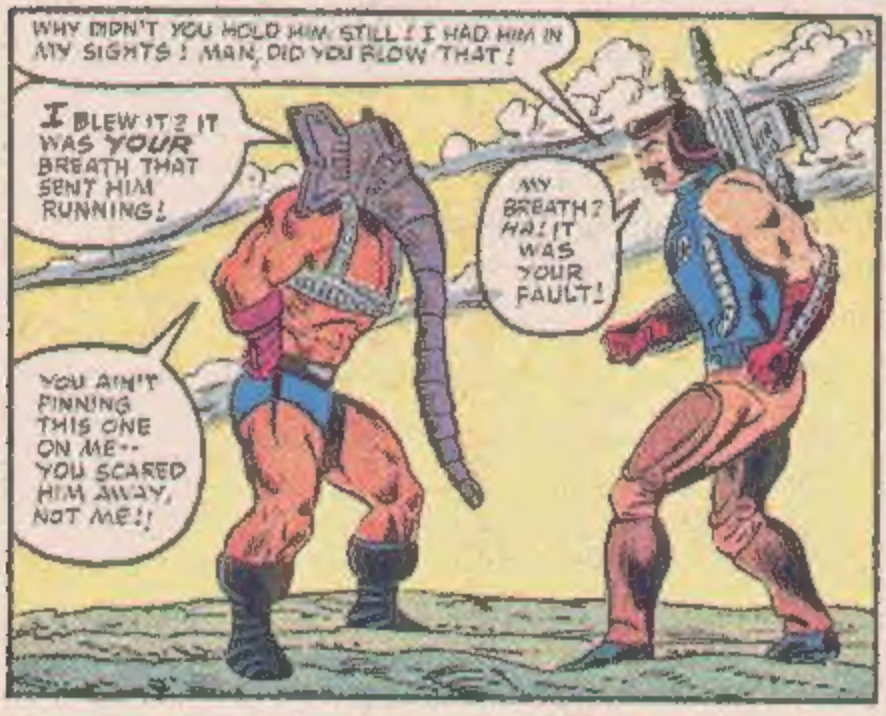
THOSE REPTILIAN FOOLS! I SHOULD HAVE LEFT THEM TO ROT IN THEIR TOMBS!
I ALWAYS HAVE TO DO EVERY-THING!

OPEN SAYS ME, OH DRAGON'S YAP--

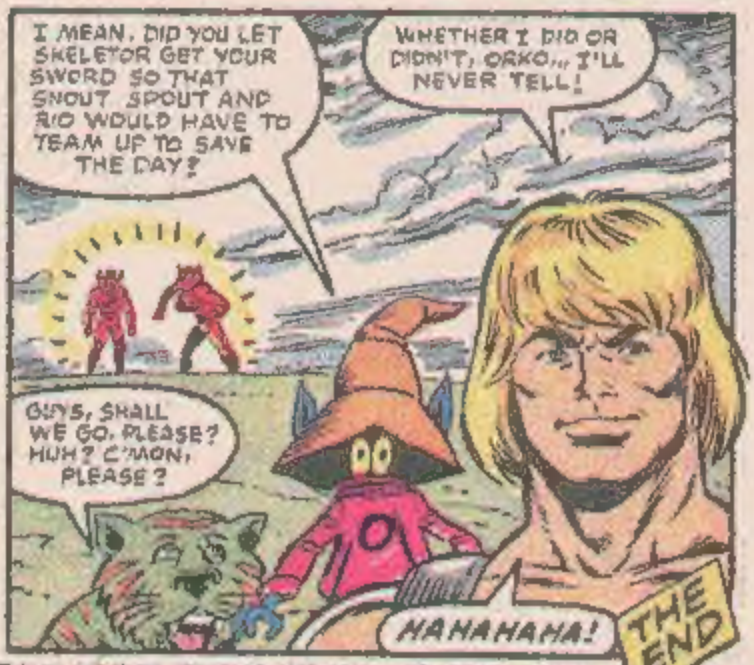
--AND FREE HE-MAN'S SWORD FROM HIS TOOTHY TRAP!
NO!

YES!
FINISH HIM OFF, HE-MAN!
A TEMPTING IDEA, ORKO... BUT...
HE'S STALLING AGAIN! HE NEVER ENDS OUR CONFLICTS! CURSE YOU, HE-MAN!
TUNG LASHOR, GET THAT SWORD BACK TO ME! I MUST HAVE IT!
YOU'RE THE BOSS, I GUESS, SKELETOR!
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T TELL WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE REALLY ON THE SAME SIDE!
BE WARNED, SNAKE MAN, THE SWORD DOES NOT TAKE KINDLY--
ZAP!
--TO BEING TOUCHED!
EEYOWW!!
WELL, I WARNED HIM--ALMOST!
ANYONE ELSE WANT TO TRY TO TAKE MY SWORD AWAY AGAIN, HMM??

RATTLOR.., HISS... KHAN! DO AS HE SAYS -- TAKE THE SWORD!
OBEY MY ORDERS! YOU MUST OBEY MY ORDERS!
I HAVE LISTENED LONG ENOUGH! COME MY SNAKE MEN ... LET US RETREAT-- SO THAT WE MAY RETURN-- REFRESHED!
I'M WITH YOU! I'D RATHER BE BACK IN THAT TOMB THE ELDERS HAD US IN FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED CENTURIES THAN ANSWER TO SKELETOR ANYMORE!
AT LEAST NOBODY EVER BOTHERED US IN THERE! GOOD BYE, SKELETOR... AND GOOD RIDDANCE!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST YOU AGAINST ALL OF US, SKELETOR!
I'M BETTIN' ON US!
COUNT ME IN!
ME TOO!
TRY IT, FOOLS! WE'LL SEE HOW FAR YOU GET AGAINST THE EVIL POWER AT MY COMMAND!
MAYBE THE ODDS ARE A BIT MUCH FOR YOU, SKELS--
--MAYBE TWO-TO-ONE ODDS WOULD SUIT YOU BETTER!
I GET YOU, PARTNER--
NOW LET'S GET HIM!
I GOT HIM, RIO! NOW IT'S ALL IN YOUR BALLPARK!
UNHAND--ER-- UNNOSE ME, YOU BIG CAD!
HOLD 'IM STILL, SPOUTY, AN' LET ME GET A BEAD ON 'IM!!


WHY DIDN'T YOU HOLD HIM STILL! I HAD HIM IN MY SIGHTS! MAN, DID YOU BLOW THAT!
I BLEW IT?! IT WAS YOUR BREATH THAT SENT HIM RUNNING!
MY BREATH? HA! IT WAS YOUR FAULT!
YOU AIN'T PINNING THIS ONE ON ME-- YOU SCARED HIM AWAY, NOT ME!!

OH, NO! HERE WE GO AGAIN!
SAY, COULD I INTEREST ANYONE IN GOING HOME--WHERE IT'S SAFE AND I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING KIDNAPPED AGAIN?


I MEAN, DID YOU LET SKELETOR GET YOUR SWORD SO THAT SNOUT SPOUT AND RIO WOULD HAVE TO TEAM UP TO SAVE THE DAY?
WHETHER I DID OR DIDN'T, ORKO... I'LL NEVER TELL!
GUYS, SHALL WE GO, PLEASE? HUH? C'MON, PLEASE?
HAHAHAHA!
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